Writer responds to anti-Robb letter

Dear Editor:

I was surprised by a recent letter published in your paper from Robert McWilliams about Lieutenant Governor Robb.

Lieutenant Governor Robb is a conservative who has a solid record of achievement. From his years as a highly decorated Marine officer serving in active combat duty to his years as our Lieutenant Governor, he has been a true leader.

Mr. Robb is a Virginian first and he is not afraid to let it be known when he agrees with President Reagan. He has endorsed the President's budget cuts as well as the tax cuts. Only last year, many Democrats were complaining because Mr. Robb declined to actively campaign for Mr. Carter. The Republican State Chairman noted Mr. Robb's lack of enthusiasm for Mr. Carter's candidacy last year.

While Marshall Coleman brags about the cuts he has made in the Attorney General's Office, it is a well known fact that due to these cuts more outside lawyers have had to be hired to do the job Mr. Coleman has been unable or unwilling to do. Senator Ed Willey, the conservative Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, last week spoke of the great increase in requests by State agencies for outside lawyers because Mr. Coleman has not been doing his job. Indeed, he has abandoned his full time state job as Attorney General to run for Governor and he has thus broken the previously unbroken Virginia tradition established by Former Conservative Governors Lindsay Almond and Albertis Harrison of Resigning as Attorney General before running for Governor.

While Mr. Coleman likes to boast about his staff reductions, the state has suffered mightily from them - and they've been expensive. The Lieutenant Governor's staff includes only three professionals and two secretaries and added to Mr. Robb's salary, their salaries still would not equal the salary the state paid for Mr. Coleman and his current campaign manager. It looks like the state just got more out of their money from Mr. Robb's staff.

Mr. Coleman's uniform sentencing bill is opposed by many of Virginia's prosecuting attorneys. It is opposed by them because it would result in lighter sentences for many crimes. A large majority of Virginia's prosecuting attorneys has endorsed Chuck Robb because they like Mr. Robb's serious approach to crime and they believe that Mr. Coleman has been a failure as Attorney General.

Chuck Robb is trusted because his positions remain solid. He opposes collective bargaining for public employees while his opponent signs a bill for collective bargaining one year and opposes it the next. Mr. Robb has the courage to go to the labor union convention and say that he supports our right-to-work law. When President Reagan endorses his opponent, he continues to support his programs. However, when President Reagan endorsed Mr. Coleman's opponent four years ago, Mr. Coleman called the President an "intruder."

I personally resent and feel that most Virginians resent the fact that the Republican National Committee has announced that it will send four or five of its top people into Virginia armed with $200,000.00 to try to brainwash the voters of Virginia in an effort to shore up the lagging Coleman campaign. The reason that Mr. Coleman's campaign is in shambles, as stated by the Washington Post, is because he is inconsistent and flip-flops on the issues and his lack of credibility with elected officials such as the General Assembly and Commonwealths Attorneys.

I am a conservative Democratic who has always tried to put the interest of Virginia first, and that is why I am enthusiastically supporting Chuck Robb.

Sincerely
Rachel F. Lawson

PASTOR AND MRS. D. S. WEINBERG, of Augusta, Ill., and former residents of Appomattox, recently visited friends in the Appomattox area. Pastor Weinberg came to Appomattox in June of 1945 and assisted in evangelistic meetings held on the lot now occupied by Poe Hardware Co., Inc. He was instrumental in the organization of the Seventh Day Adventist Church here and served as the first pastor. Mrs. Weinberg who has been a school teacher for 28 years, taught in the local high school during the time she resided in Appomattox. Weinberg retired from the active ministry in July of 1973.

Writer answers critics of Reagan

Editor:

Scandalous Abuses of Deficit Spending

It is not surprising to see that those who are responsible for deficit spending, inflation, high interest rates, unemployment, unnecessary and artificial regulations and a very unstable social security system claim that President Reagan has failed to achieve economic recovery. Of course, Mr. Reagan had no chances to achieve this end because his tax cuts become effective only on October 1. President Reagan has never promised any quick economic recovery.

His opposition has no constructive program to offer. The president's critics repeatedly ask for the continuation of measures which have failed during almost five decades of all kinds of misdeals. For almost five decades, the Democrats have controlled the Congress with a few short interruptions. Therefore, they are responsible for bringing this country on the verge of fiscal bankruptcy.

The critics of our President insult the intelligence of most of Americans who will not forge that many of the critics are the causes of a mess which Mr. Reagan inherited. For instance, there are $25 billion of overdue debts owed the government. Taxpayers should not tolerate such kind of scandalous abuses.

President Reagan offers us the only consistent and courageous program of economic recovery. Therefore, members of Congress who fail to support the president's program should be retired by informed and concerned voters. In 1982. We need a very thorough housecleaning.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Alexandre V. Berkis

'Old 97'

History of wreck retold

A book, History Of The Wreck Of The Old 97, by C. Howard Gregory has just been released by Gregory Publications, Danville.

The book deals with one of the most famous railroad wrecks in American history, near Danville, Virginia on September 27, 1903.

Gregory, was born in Lynchburg, Va., and developed a keen interest in local history, especially that pertaining to railroading, as a teenager. In 1962 he was employed by the Southern Railway as an Extra Agent-Telegrapher on the Danville Division where he remained for three years. Graduating with an associate degree from Central Virginia Community College and a Bachelor of Laws Degree from La Salle University he is currently a Sergeant with the Virginia State police assigned to Pittsylvania County.

A member of the Lynchburg Civil War Round Table, Gregory is also an alternate Sunday School Teacher at North Main Baptist Church in Danville and is married to the former Linda Carol O'Brien of Appomattox.

Though not exceptionally outstanding as train wrecks go, the legend of "The Wreck Of The Old 97, immortalized in song, has been told and re-told until at present it is difficult to separate fact from fiction. This book is the culmination of an effort to carefully and accurately document the events that took place on the Southern Railway's Danville Division on the fateful Sunday afternoon in 1903.

For information on the book write Howard Gregory at 2624 Blairmont Dr., Danville, Va. 24540, or call (804) 836-0369.

Howard Gregory

6-H DOG SHOW — Beverly Carter shows off her trophies from the 1981 4-H Dog Show for Mrs. Dot Coleman representing Lawson Ford, Inc.

4-H Club News

By BRIAN HUDSON

After a strenuous game of volley ball, the meeting got underway. Our secretary, Robin Miller, read the minutes of the Lucky Clover's first meeting. Afterwards Mr. Sweet, our club's director, mentioned projects which we put in for September. The importance of 4-H projects was one of the topics Mr. Sweet discussed. After Mr. Sweet handed out the projects, we had a very nice refreshment break. Our junior hostess, Ginny Sweet, along with her accomplices Kelly Webber, Tammy Weaver and Robin Miller served us drinks and cookies. After we finished our refreshments, we found out that a movie was next on the agenda. It was a movie on Hunter Safety. Well, after the movie, our president, Glenn McClenny adjourned the meeting. This is Brian Hudson, Lucky Clover 4-H club reporter, saying good-bye, and thanks for reading.

Jim Roach named 'manager of year'

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

"Most of my adult life, other than the years I spent in the Air Force, have been in a grocery store," said James Phillip Roach, Manager of the King's Market Store in Triangle Plaza Shopping Center, and recently named "Manager of the Year" for 1980-81 by the King's Market chain.

Roach, who has been employed at the Appomattox King's store since June 27, 1973, was selected for "outstanding performance and contributions that he has made as manager," said Ralph King, repressenting the chain of 12 stores.

King presented the Appomattox store manager with a plaque honoring his achievements.

Roach, and his wife, the former Ruby Epperson, reside at Richwood Estates, Route 1, Appomattox. They are the parents of two sons and a daughter. Jimmy, 20, is employed at the King's Market, Timberlake, Lynchburg where he works as head stock clerk. Mike, 14, is a ninth grader at the local high school and Stacy, nine, is a student in the Appomattox Elementary School.

Roach, the son of the late Henry Roach and Etta Roach of Phenix, is a native of Charlotte County; he attended Randolph Henry High School. He enlisted in the Air Force for four years and during this time he completed the requirements for a high school diploma through a correspondence course. He also completed courses in retail merchandising and fundamentals in advertising.

Following his discharge from the Air Force in 1969, Roach went to work for a national grocery chain in Lynchburg, remaining with the company for eight years. The next seven years he spent with a large grocery chain, first locating in Lynchburg, then Charleston, West Virginia and then back to Roanoke.

"I came back home," laughed Roach, as he spoke of his return to Appomattox and his work with the King's chain." I almost made a loop."

I work approximately 15 hours on Tuesdays and Fridays and average a 55-60 hour work week," commented Roach. "I don't have much time off and when I do I like to spend it with my family. We camp every chance we get. In fact, we've been camping for about 20 years now and enjoy every minute of it."

Roach who enjoys hunting and fishing when he has time, enjoys music too. "I love music," said Roach, "I play Blue Grass whenever I get the chance. I play both the guitar and mandolin but I'd rather play the mandolin. I enjoy getting together with anyone who happens to be around and shares my love of music."

Ruby Roach, who is active in the Rescue Squad, Bloodmobile work, and the Band Booster activities, enjoys music too. She plays the guitar and takes an active interest in the activities of the local high school band of which their son is a member.

"I love the grocery business," commented Roach with a smile, "and about this manager of the year award, I feel like the fine employees that I have at the store here in Appomattox and the good customers we serve have made this honor possible," he concluded.

JIM ROACH

Times-Virginian

Business News

Houchens graduates

William A. Houchens, a sales representative for Combined Insurance Company of America, recently graduated from an extensive training course held in the corporation's regional headquarters in Richmond.

Wayne Drye, divisional manager, accident and health sales for Combined said, "as a result of the specialized training course in disability insurance, Houchens can look forward to a promising career at Combined. Our unique training program is based on the Positive Mental Attitude (PMA) philosophy and experience of its founder and chairman, W. Clement Stone."

Houchens resides in Appomattox.

Insurance Company

Harvey is named district manager

Jimmy Hill, Regional Manger of American Family Life Assurance Company, announces the promotion of Shirley Harvey to District Manager of the Appomattox district.

Shirley joined American Family Life in 1977 as an associate. She resides at Route 1 with her husband, Lewis, also a part-time associate with American Family. They have four daughters, two of which are still living at home, and four grandchildren; Shirley and her family are active members at Evergreen Baptist Church.

American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus, Georgia, specializing in the sale of cancer and intensive care coverage, has recently opened a Regional office in Dillwyn, Virginia to serve the counties of Buckingham, Appomattox, Nelson, Prince Edward, Nottoway, Cumberland, Louisa, Powhatan, Fluvanna, Amelia and Lunenburg. This office can be reached by writing to Post Office Box 66, Dillwyn, Virginia 23936 or calling 983-2593. Shirley Harvey can be reached at Route 1 Box 702, Appomattox, Virginia 24522 or calling 352-8985.

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Cheryn Durrette campaigns

By TERRI CONRAD

Residents were greeted with a cheery "Hi, I'm Cheryn Durrette. I hope you'll consider my husband Wyatt Durrette for attorney general in November's elections," as they came to collect their mail at the Appomattox Post Office.

The former Virginia Junior Miss was in Appomattox last Friday morning to convince Appomattox citizens of her husband's qualifications for attorney general.

The petite mother of six children, ranging in age from 17 to 3, indicated that children's issues were of the utmost importance to both she and the republican nominee for attorney general, Wyatt Durrette. To emphasize that, she has participated actively in volunteer work in the prevention and treatment of child abuse, presently serving on the board of directors of the Virginia Chapter of the National Committee for the prevention of child abuse. She is also currently serving as vice-chairman of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect, having been appointed by former Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. Wyatt Durrette helped in this area when he worked to rewrite Virginia's Juvenile Code while serving in the state legislature.

Admittedly, a "homebody" she says she really does not like to be away from her family but added "I believe that what we're campaigning for is important, not only to Virginia, but to the future of our children. We need a conservative as attorney general and Wyatt's conservative credentials are proven as far back as 20-years ago." "The thing that is so impressive is that Wyatt is regarded highly by both democrats and republicans alike" she continued. "I'm constantly being told by some of the people that politically oppose him that he is respected by them for his sense of integrity."

MARSHALL COLEMAN AND THE ISSUES

In nearly a decade of public service in Virginia — as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates and the State Senate, and four years as Virginia's Attorney General — Marshall Coleman has gained experience in making decisions and addressing the challenges facing Virginians in the eighties. He's ready for the job of Governor.

JOBS FOR VIRGINIANS

The most important responsibilty a Governor has is to protect and improve the economic well-being of our citizens. Marshall will continue the successful efforts of our last three Republican Governors to attract new industry to Virginia and to help existing businesses expand. He'll be committed to maintaining Virginia's remarkable economic health — because that means more jobs for Virginians and higher family incomes.

• **Right to Work** — One of the most important assets Virginia offers new businesses and industry is a strong right to work law. As Attorney General, Marshall has defended the right to work law in court — as Governor, he'll veto any attempts to weaken or repeal it.

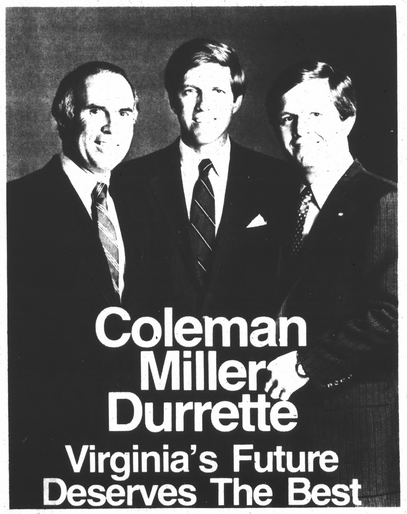
• **Opposes Collective Bargaining for Public Employees** — While Marshall will promote positive and productive employer-employee relationships and will keep communications channels open, **he'll veto any attempts to open the door to public employee collective bargaining.** This practice would inevitably lead to strikes and a disruption of vital public service and cannot be tolerated.

SUPPORT FOR THE REAGAN ECONOMIC PLAN

Attorney General Coleman supports President Regan's bold plan for economic recovery and will work closely with the White House to ensure that the President's goals are implemented. He knows that the tax and budget cuts and regulatory relief proposed by the President will be good for Virginia businessmen and will get our economy moving again.

• **No Tax Increases** — When Washington is cutting taxes, it makes no sense to raise them in Richmond. As Governor, Marshall will keep the door closed to higher state taxes and will continue Virginia's tradition of fiscal responsibility and prudent, disciplined management to keep the cost of government down while maintaining vital services for our people.

• **A Reduction in State Personnel** — Marshall has proposed a 5% reduction — by attrition — in state government personnel over the four-year period of his term as Governor. With careful planning, this proposal can be carried out without a reduction in priority services — and will save our taxpayers $425 million. Just as Attorney General he has kept his pledge to reduce the size of his own legal staff, he'll prove as Governor that state government can live within its means in the eighties and provide efficient services to the people of Virginia.



CRIME AND SENTENCING

Marshall is committed to bringing about more uniformity in criminal sentencing across Virginia, and to swift and certain punishment for violent criminals as an effective deterrent to crime. **They should serve their full term in prison, with no early release.** Marshall is proposing stiffer penalties for drinking drivers and **a tough plan for combatting illegal drug traffic in Virginia.** He knows that it takes community involvement to overcome crime, and has proposed several innovative volunteer programs to encourage "communities against crime."

A BALANCED TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Virginia needs to provide a balanced, modern transportation network to attract new industry and help manufacturers and farmers alike to get their products to market, and to facilitate commuter travel in congested urbanized areas. Careful planning and discipline will be required in the face of the federal budget cuts if Virginia is to meet priority construction needs and invest in adequate highway maintenance to preserve the system's excellence. Marshall is committed to maintaining its excellence within available revenue resources.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Marshall, a product of Virginia's public schools, is committed to maintaining their excellence. That means **improved salaries** to attract a high quality teacher corps. It means an **emphasis on the basic skills and involving the parents in the educational process.** It means a commitment to **vocational skills** to prepare our young people for a variety of jobs in a rapidly-changing world. It means a tough stand on **school discipline,** for learning cannot accomodate itself to disorder in the classroom; **co-operation** of school boards with Parents-Teachers.

A RENEWED VOLUNTEER SPIRIT

Marshall knows that above all else, the strength of Virginia lies in the diversity and independent spirit of her people. As Governor, he will be a catalyst for volunteer involvement in the community, to promote the renewed American spirit of neighbor-helping-neighbor. As government cuts back, the leadership challenge in the eighties will be to get people involved in their communities. Through their talents, and the next Governor's leadership, our high hopes for Virginia's future will be realized.

To keep Virginia on her steady course in the eighties, we need a Governor with the experience and vision to get the job done. Marshall Coleman is a son of Virginia, and he's ready for the challenges of leadership in the exciting years ahead. We need him as our Governor.

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Blackburn to deliver address

Bishop Robert M. Blackburn will deliver the keynote address at the annual meeting of Virginia Conference United Methodist Men Nov. 7-8 at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone.

Theme of the weekend meeting is "Commitment of Discipleship."

J. Edgar Rowe of Hampton, conference president, has encouraged members of all United Methodist Men's fellowships to participate. Total cost per person is $20. Registrations, with checks payable to Virginia Conference UMM, should be sent by Nov. 3 to the registrar, Richard Lee, Rt. 2, Blackstone, Va. 23824.

Other program features include:

• an address, "Men in Discipleship," by the Rev. Byron R. Wilkinson, president of the Conference Board of Discipleship;

• a presentation on Lake Junaluska Assembly by the assembly's director, Melton E. Harbin;

• a special music by the Cedar Ridge Boys of Leesville Church and by the choir of Jackson Street Church in Lynchburg;

• a Saturday evening Communion service led by the Rev. George H. Gravitt of Crewe Church;

• a presentation on the Virginia United Methodist Agency for the Retarded by VUMAR director, the Rev. James A. McClung; and

• a closing worship service led by the Rev. E. Thomas Murphy Jr. of Fort Hill Church in Lynchburg.

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